Amendments To The Claims:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended)   An apparatus for identifying a vehicle and likely driver comprising:

An optical input device;

a computer;

a database containing information;

and a display;

wherein said computer receives an image of an approaching vehicle's license plate <u>from</u> said optical input device, said computer searches said database and identifies information relevant to the license plate and identifies an expected driver of the vehicle;

and wherein said computer receives an actual driver image of said vehicle's actual driver from said optical input device, said computer compares said actual driver image with a prerecorded image of the expected driver and determines whether the actual driver image is <u>not</u> substantially similar to said expected driver image <u>for issuance of at least one investigation signal</u>.

3. (New) The apparatus of claim 2, further comprising a plurality of optical input devices arranged into at least one security observation zone, wherein said computer receives data from said plurality of optical input devices for tracking said vehicle through said at least one security observation zone.

4. (New) The apparatus of claim 3, further comprising a plurality of computers, wherein at least one of said plurality of computers is located within each of said at least one security observation zones.

5. (New) The apparatus of claim 4, wherein said plurality of computers are in communication with each other to compile an evolving database.

6. (New) The apparatus of claim 4, each of said plurality of computers comprising an evolving database.

7. (New) The apparatus of claim 5, further comprising a mainframe computer in communication with said plurality of computers, said mainframe computer having a mainframe database.

8. (New) The apparatus of claim 7, said evolving database comprising individual files representative of at least one of said vehicles and said drivers.

9. (New) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein at least one of said plurality of computers is in communication with at least one external database.

10. (New) The apparatus of claim 9, further comprising comparison software in communication with at least one of said plurality of computers and said evolving database.

11. (New) The apparatus of claim 10, further comprising sensitivity software in communication with at least one of said plurality of computers and said evolving database.

12. (New) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said sensitivity software is constructed and

arranged to issue said at least one investigation signal to one of a security and law enforcement

personnel, relative to one of said observed vehicle and driver.

13. (New) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein at least one of said plurality of computers

comprises at least one defined profile.

14. (New) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said at least one defined profile is constructed and

arranged as a search query for communication with said evolving database. (page 13 line 9-15)

15. (New) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein said sensitivity software includes probability

analysis software.

16. (New) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein said probability analysis software is in

communication with threshold criteria for issuance of said at least one investigation signal.

17. (New) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein said sensitivity software ranks said at least one

investigation signal as selected from the group consisting of high priority, intermediate priority,

low priority, and normal priority.

18. (New) The apparatus of claim 17, said evolving database comprising at least one type of data

selected from the group consisting of license plate registration data, vehicle history data, standard

vehicle image data, exterior vehicle image data, vehicle profile image data, vehicle undercarriage

image data, vehicle specification data, personnel identification data, facial image data, profile

image data, fingerprint data, palm print data, and voice identification data.

19. (New) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein at least one of said plurality of optical input devices is selected from the group consisting of fingerprint scanners, palm scanners, microphones, retinal scanners, and cameras.

20. (New) The apparatus of claim 19, further comprising at least one scale, said at least one computer being in communication with said at least one scale.

21. (New) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein said apparatus is portable.